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SUBJ: FURTHER UPDATE SEARCH CAMPAIGN

REF: A ADDIS ABABA 1768 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: MARCH 29 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED PROVISIONAL  
MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
ADJUSTMENTS AND OTHER CHANGES AFFECTING CURRENT SEARCH  
CAMPAIGN. ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDE RETURN TO MIDNIGHT UNTIL  
5 AM CURFEW, EASING OF ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS, ADDITION  
OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ASSIST SEARCH  
OPERATION, KEBELES TO REFRAIN FROM SEARCHING MOTORISTS  
AND PEDESTRIANS OUTSIDE CURFEW HOURS UNLESS THEY CONFRONT  
CONFIRMED CRIMINALS OR LEGITIMATE SUSPECTS, AND ESTAB-  
LISHMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE  
"ERRORS" MADE DURING SEARCH CAMPAIGN. LARGE AREA OF THE  
CITY CORDONED -OFF FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS MARCH 27 FOR  
THOROUGH SEARCH. IMPROMPT ROAD BLOCKS HAVE DECREASED  
SIGNIFICANTLY. LEVEL OF GUNFIRE NOTICIBLY LOWER  
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THROUGHOUT CITY MARCH 28. END SUMMARY.

1. MARCH 28 PMAC ANNOUNCEMENT , WHILE PRAISING RESULTS  
OF SEARCH CAMPAIGN, STATED SOME ADJUSTMENTS AND CHANGES  
NECESSARY. THOSE INCLUDE: (A) CURFEW HOURS WOULD RETURN  
TO MIDNIGHT UNTIL 5 AM DAILY, (B) PROHIBITION ON  
SELLING OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS LOWERED TO 6 PM DAILY

VICE 7 PM AND TO BE PERMITTED SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, SUNDAYS, AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, (C) ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED TO ENABLE THOSE WHO WISH TO REPORT ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES OR SURRENDER (ONLY ONE TELEPHONE NUMBER PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE), (D) DEFENSE SQUADS OF URBAN DWELLERS ASSOCIATIONS TO REFRAIN FROM SEARCHING MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS OUTSIDE CURFEW HOURS UNLESS THEY ENCOUNTER CONFIRMED CRIMINALS OR LEGITIMATE SUSPECTS, (E) CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE AND ARM KEBELES WILL CONTINUE, AND (F) INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE WHOSE ADDRESS WILL BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO LOOK INTO AND RECTIFY "ERRORS" MADE DURING SEARCH CAMPAIGN. ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED "SEVERAL HUNDRED" COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES APPREHENDED IN SEARCH AS WELL AS CONFIRMED RUMOR THAT PEASANTS FROM DISTRICTS ADJOINING ADDIS ABABA TOOK PART IN SEARCH CAMPAIGN.

2. LARGE AREA OF EAST CENTRAL ADDIS ABABA CORDONED OFF MARCH 27 WITH ENTIRE AREA SURROUNDED BY POLICE, PEASANT MILITIA, KEBELE DEFENSE SQUADS AND ARMY. SEARCH APPARENTLY CARRIED OUT IN GOOD ORDER WITH NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. IMPROMPTU ROADBLOCKS HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND REPORTS OF FOREIGNERS BEING STOPPED ALMOST NIL. SUNDAY NIGHT RELATIVELY CALMER IN CITY WITH DIMINISHED GUNFIRE. MONDAY AND MONDAY NIGHT CALMER STILL, THOUGH FIRING STILL HEARD IN MOST QUARTERS OF CITY.

3. WE SUSPECT AFRICAN AMBASSADOR'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLAINTS TO MENGISTU HAD POSITIVE EFFECT AS DID GROWING COMPLAINTS BY ETHIOPIANS (INCLUDING PMAC MEMBERS) OVER EXCESSES OF SEARCH CAMPAIGN. WHILE SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE IMPROVED SOMEWHAT, WE CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN 7:00 PM CURFEW FOR USG PERSONNEL FOR PRESENT. TIENKEN

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